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Mr. Thomas Ainsworth
Director, Office of Mandatory Review
Bureau of Administration
The Department of State
Room 1239, New State Building
Washington, D.C. 20520

Dear Tom:

Under a CBS discovery motion, we searched our files for documents relating to the process of estimating Viet Cong and North Vietnamese military strength in South Vietnam during the period 1966-68. The motion arose from the lawsuit against CBS brought by General William C. Westmoreland.

Of the documents found, 22 were of interest to the Department of State. One, number 417 of our CBS Project, is sent for your review and coordination. It is a USIB memo No. [redacted] dated 3 February 1967, Subject: Status of North Vietnam Infiltration Into South Vietnam. Attached to it is a DIA memo No. [redacted] dated 3 February 1967, Subject: Status of North Vietnam Infiltration Into South Vietnam which is classified TOP SECRET/TRINE. This document is also being coordinated with NSA, DIA, and DOD (OSD/JCS).

The remaining 21 documents of interest to the Department are CBS Project numbers 420 through 440. We have no objection to their declassification and refer them to you for review. Accompanying these documents is a computerized list of them for record purposes. We would appreciate your returning the documents and the results of your reviews to us, so that we may coordinate the release of all documents found in CIA files to both parties in the suit.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact [redacted]

Sincerely,

[redacted]
Chief, Classification Review Division
Office of Information Services
Directorate of Administration

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